

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 23, 2005

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, on June 22, 2005, I was unavoidably detained on official business in my Congressional District.

On rollcall vote No. 293, if present, I would have voted "nay."

On rollcall vote No. 294, if present, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote No. 295, if present, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall votes Nos. 296 and 297, if present, I would have voted "yea."

On rollcall vote No. 298, if present, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall votes Nos. 299, 300, 301, and 302, if present, I would have voted "nay."

On rollcall vote No. 303, if present, I would have voted "yea."

TRIBUTE TO U.S. ARMY 1LT
AARON SEESAN

HON. RALPH REGULA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 23, 2005

Mr. REGULA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to U.S. Army 1LT Aaron Seesan, a constituent from my district who died on May 23rd from injuries he received in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Aaron was a graduate of Washington High School in Massillon, Ohio and of the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, NY.

It takes an exceptional young person to be nominated for military academies. Aaron had an outstanding record in high school and in the Merchant Marine Academy and continued to make a difference as he continued his service to his country and fellow man.

After graduation he chose to join the Army. During his service in Iraq his vehicle came upon an incendiary explosive device. In this distressful time while he suffered from injuries, he directed help to others showing his sense of responsibility and duty.

The community fondly remembers Aaron as a young man who always strove to make those activities he was involved in the finest they could be. Aaron made a difference to others his age both in the military and in the community. He was a true role model and hero.

His memory will live on through the Aaron Seesan Memorial Garden at Lincoln Park in Massillon Ohio. In addition, the Aaron Seesan Memorial Scholarship Fund through the Stark County Community Foundation will serve as a tribute to his service and dedication.

IN HONOR OF CHARLES C. BARR

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 23, 2005

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Charles C. Barr, former president of the Santa Cruz County Farm Bureau.

On June 17, 2005, Charles Barr died of cancer at Dominican Hospital in Santa Cruz at the age of 81. Mr. Barr is survived by his wife Patricia; daughters Candy, Katherine, and Patricia; and his sons Chuck, Peter, Jeffrey, and Jonathan.

Charles C. Barr was born in Natick, MA on January 23, 1924. He was a third generation carnation grower, and pioneered the commercialization of miniature carnations in the United States. He joined the Navy and served our country in the capacity of a pilot on an aircraft carrier during WWII. In 1963 he moved his wife and seven children to Watsonville, CA and became a valuable member of the community.

Mr. Barr served as the President of the Santa Cruz County Farm Bureau from 1968–69 as well as the president of the American Carnation Society. Mr. Barr also resided on the Pajaro Dunes Homeowners Association Board of Directors, and was the president of the Watsonville Rotary Club as well as the vice-president of the Watsonville Bank of America.

Mr. Speaker, I am joined by Mr. Barr's family and friends to honor his life and contributions to the community. His leadership and love of the community serve as a model for all citizens.

TRIBUTE TO THE JIMMY CARTER
WORK PROJECT

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 23, 2005

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to the Jimmy Carter Work Project and the thousands of volunteers who joined together this week to help build Habitat for Humanity houses for the city of Benton Harbor, Michigan.

Across the State of Michigan, over 4,000 volunteers are building a total of 200 houses in local communities. In Benton Harbor alone, 1,700 volunteers from around the world have built 20 new houses, bringing not only large smiles on the faces of 20 families, but the reward of success after hours of hard work. The hands-on approach that the Jimmy Carter Work Project takes towards homeownership is both invaluable and inspiring. Homeowners must donate about 300 hours of their own time toward building their own homes. This partnership of volunteers working side by side with those in need is truly encouraging to all of us who want to bring the opportunity of homeownership to every family.

Homeownership is fundamental to improving and preserving the quality of life for the folks of southwest Michigan and beyond, and is truly the cornerstone of the American Dream. Taking pride in our neighborhoods and homes is a necessity to building successful communities and the work that Habitat for Humanity has done for countless individuals is truly inspiring.

This year's Project in Michigan is the second largest in Jimmy Carter Work Project's 22 year history and the first time that Habitat has organized to build homes throughout an entire state. Over the past several years Benton Harbor has been through many challenges and obstacles, but the coming together of folks

throughout our community to work to bring the American Dream to our neighbors is what makes both the Jimmy Carter Work Project and southwest Michigan extraordinary.

I look forward to any opportunity to continue this partnership with Habitat for Humanity in its efforts to build more decent, affordable housing for all.

I want to once again commend everyone who has worked and continues to work to make homeownership a reality for people in need. This is a great day for our communities in Michigan and I want to once again commend both Jimmy Carter and Habitat for Humanity for turning dreams into reality.

TRIBUTE TO WALLY A.
"PREACHER" HEBERT

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 23, 2005

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to the life and career of Wally A. "Preacher" Hebert. Wally is holder of 4 pitching records for the San Diego Padres and on June 25, 2005, he will be inducted into the Pacific Coast League San Diego Padres Hall of Fame.

Born in Lake George, Louisiana in 1907, Wally's talents and interests were evident at a very early age. Aside from gardening, hunting, and fishing as a child, he became an expert golfer, playing close to par with a 2 iron and a putter. He enjoyed athletics and when it came to football and baseball, Wally excelled over his peers.

At Lake Charles High School, Wally was an all-state football star and had been offered a scholarship at Louisiana State University when he caught the eye of a major league baseball scout. In his first professional game in Springfield, Missouri, he got off the train from Louisiana, went to the ballpark, and pitched a 22 inning complete game victory.

In 1931, Preacher, as he was also known, was called up to spring training for the St. Louis Browns and remained with the team throughout the rest of that season. As a lefthander, he began to attract attention with a variety of curve balls at various speeds and arm motions. His first major league appearance came that year against the New York Yankees where he faced Babe Ruth with the bases loaded and one out. The Babe hit into an inning-ending double play.

That season, Preacher won six games and was the only pitcher in the major leagues to beat the New York Yankees and the world champion Philadelphia Athletics twice in one season. His finest game that year included 8 shut out innings against the Yankees—striking out Lou Gehrig and Ruth three times. Unfortunately, St. Louis lost the game by one run after Preacher exited the game.

Over the next two seasons in St. Louis, Preacher pitched in relief, battling a shoulder injury. He was then sold to the Hollywood Stars which after one season, moved to San Diego and began playing at Lane Field. During seven seasons with the San Diego Padres, Preacher delighted fans with a dominating presence and pinpoint control.

While with the Padres, Wally and his bride Bobbie moved out to California where they